



Care First, Jails Last Taskforce Meeting

April 28, 2022



Discussion Topics

- Taskforce Review Updates
 - Timeline Review
 - Interview Progress
- Forensic Plan & JIMH Recommendations Review
- Sequential intercept model (SIM) Review
- Discussion





Care First Jails Last Taskforce

Taskforce Updates & Next Steps





Meeting Agreements

**Remain on
Camera**

(when possible)

**Share the
Air Time**

**Embrace
Curiosity**

**Practice
Both/And
Thinking**

**Stay on
Topic and
on Time**



Task Force Timeline

Launch Task Force
Review data
Define system
changes

Map ideal system
Develop
Countywide Plan

Develop agency/
department plans

Deliver Final
Implementation
Plans

Mar-22

Sep-22

Mar-23

Apr-24



Interview Progress

Department/Type of appointee (# of)	Scheduled	Completed	Need to be scheduled
Alameda County Officials (9)	5	4	4
Community Representatives (5)	4	2	1
Community-Based Service Providers (3)	3	3	0
Program Directors (2)	0	0	2
Representatives (2)	2	2	0
Totals (21)	14	11	7



Forensic System Redesign & Plan Timeline

AlCo Forensic Report & JIMHT Phase 1 Report published; BOS gives general support for the Forensics Plan

BOS directs HCSA & County CAO to identify medium-term Forensic Plan goal funding

May 2020

Oct 2020

May 2021

June 2021

July 2021

BOS directs ACBH to develop plan to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness and substance use disorders in jail


Care First, Jails Last Policy Resolution

Publication of the JIMHT Phase 2 Recommendation Implementation Framework & Roadmap



Forensic System Redesign & Plan

Internal Research, Planning, & Consultation Process: Alameda County Forensic Report



Population Highlights



25% of all ACBH clients (n=2,714) received services through Santa Rita Jail (SRJ) in FY18-19



32% of Black ACBH clients (n=1,709) were served through SRJ in FY18-19



69% of ACBH Black transitional age youth were served through SRJ in FY18-19

ACBH Forensic Report (October 2020)



Best Practice Recommendations for ACBH

ONE

Conduct universal and comprehensive assessments to understand behavioral health and criminogenic needs

TWO

Incorporate assessments into treatment and supervision plans following the RNR Model

THREE

Formalize use of the sequential intercept model to divert individuals from the justice system to appropriate services in the community

ACBH Forensic Report (October 2020)



Forensic System Redesign & Plan

External Stakeholder Engagement & Recommendations: JIMHT Phase 1 & 2 Reports





July 2020 ACBH requests JIMHT develop formal recommendations to reduce the number of persons with mental illness in jail



200+ people involved in JIMHT community engagement process July–October 2020



Presented **72** formal recommendations, including **17** priorities

JIMHT Phase One Report (October 2020)



Expanded Sequential Intercept Model

Intercept 0

Hospital, Crisis
Respite, Peer &
Community Services

Intercept 1

Law Enforcement &
Emergency Services

Intercept 2

Initial Detention &
Initial Court Hearings

Intercept 3

Jails & Courts

Intercept 4

Reentry

Intercept 5

Community
Corrections &
Community Supports

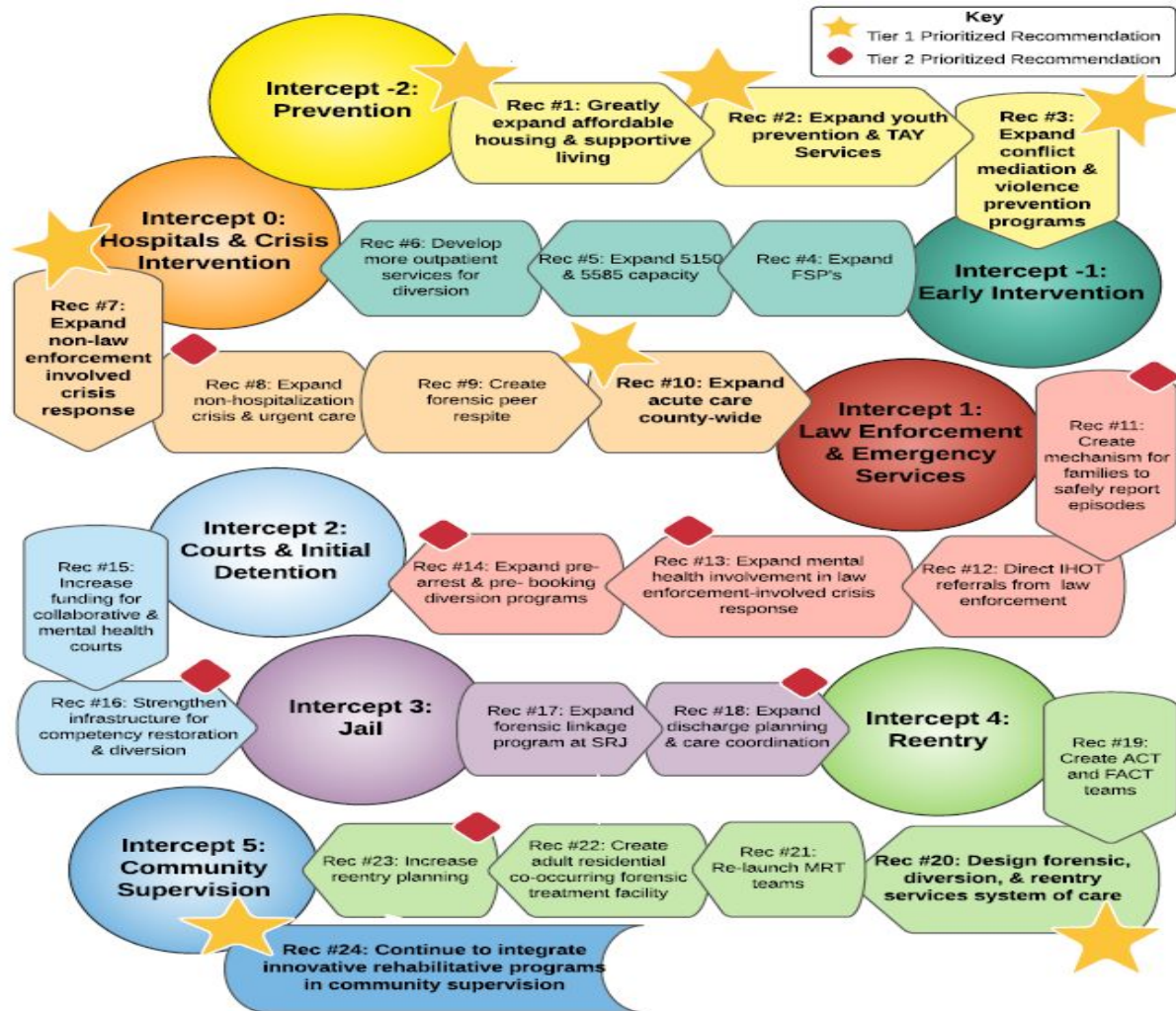
Intercept -2

Prevention

Intercept -1

*Early
Intervention*

ACBH Services & Forensic Redesign Plan Update #2 (September 2021)



JIMHT Recommendations Roadmap to Implementation

*JIMHT Phase Two
Report
(June 2021)*



JIMHT

Recommendations





Greatly expand and implement Housing First supportive living models and affordable family-based housing options.



Expand behavioral health services and educational programs in schools.



Create or expand conflict mediation or violence prevention work.



Priority Intercept -2 Recommendations

“efforts to reduce the incidence, prevalence, or reoccurrence of behavioral health disorders and promote mental wellness throughout the community and may include activities such as public awareness, stigma prevention, and primary prevention programs.”

Create more training and employment programs and provide livable-wage employment opportunities for people with behavioral health needs.

Address social determinants of health.

Ensure quality healthcare for all.

Develop a behavioral health public education and communications campaign.

Establish an online mechanism for the public to gather information.

Increase engagement of the faith community.

Work to pass Prop 15: Schools and Communities First.





Non-Priority Intercept -2 Recommendations



Priority Intercept -1 Recommendations



Expand FSPs
Expand 510 & 5585 capacity
Develop more outpatient services for diversion

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“community-based programs and services that aim to provide support and care for individuals living with behavioral health needs prior to crisis”

Strengthen and fund a comprehensive system of community-based behavioral health services.

Create and expand Service Hubs throughout the County.

Expand intensive case management and Full-Service Partnerships (FSP) throughout the County.

Increase the number of dual diagnosis programs

Provide support for families.

Target middle schools for early intervention.

Increase the amount, affordability, and quality of licensed Board and Care facilities throughout the County.



Intercept –1 Early Intervention Recommendations (1 of 3)

“Stage –1 Early Intervention is defined as community-based programs and services that aim to provide support and care for individuals living with behavioral health needs prior to crisis.”

Expand services to individuals with serious and non-serious mental illness who are living in independent housing or unhoused situations.

Fix the ACCESS portal.

Expand non-crisis mobile units

Establish, expand, enhance, and coordinate the database and tools available for real time bed availability for all justice and health system partners.

Support meaningful exchange of information and clarity between service provider, participant, and family/caregiver to improve care and health outcomes.

Scale up and support the implementation of innovative community-based strategies



Intercept -1 Early Intervention Recommendations (2 of 3)

"Stage -1 Early Intervention is defined as community-based programs and services that aim to provide support and care for individuals living with behavioral health needs prior to crisis."

Create incentives such as tax credits, stipends, vouchers, motel conversions, or partial pay options that contribute to or offset the cost to family members and caregivers for housing loved ones with behavioral health needs within their home or in the community.

Expand the IHOT (In-Home Outreach Team) program.



Intercept -1 Early Intervention Recommendations (3 of 3)

"Stage -1 Early Intervention is defined as community-based programs and services that aim to provide support and care for individuals living with behavioral health needs prior to crisis."



Expand non-law enforcement involved crisis response



Expand non-hospitalization crisis & urgent care

Create forensic peer respite



Expand acute care county-wide



Priority Intercept 0 Recommendations

“service options available at the point of individual behavioral health-related crisis and may include among other options, emergency rooms, acute and subacute facilities, and crisis stabilization units”

Expanded capacities at acute facilities such as John George Psychiatric Hospital (JGPH) or add additional sites.

Create more sub-acute locked facilities such as Villa Fairmont.

Ensure that all hospital and crisis intervention services for people with behavioral health needs are linked to long term support and resources.

Review and work with the State of California to change the 5150 process.

Develop more diversion options that are available 24/7.

Explore how to expand bed capacity so that 5170 can be fully implemented throughout Alameda County



Intercept 0 Hospitals & Crisis Intervention Recommendations (1 of 2)

"Stage 0: Hospitals and Crisis Intervention is defined as service options available at the point of individual behavioral health-related crisis and may include among other options, emergency rooms, acute and subacute facilities, and crisis stabilization units."

Authorize a medication mandate within the community.

Explore setting up an early warning system between dispatch and behavioral health providers.

Implement The Living Room model throughout Alameda County.



Intercept 0 Hospitals & Crisis Intervention Recommendations (2 of 2)

"Stage 0: Hospitals and Crisis Intervention is defined as service options available at the point of individual behavioral health-related crisis and may include among other options, emergency rooms, acute and subacute facilities, and crisis stabilization units."

Expand the number of Crisis Mobile Units available in Alameda County as alternatives to traditional law enforcement responses when calls involving people with behavioral health needs are made to 911/dispatch.

Make changes to the dispatch/911 system.

Expand and build on existing training for law enforcement to support efforts to decentralize law enforcement involvement.

Encourage local law enforcement agencies to explore and implement Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) models to decriminalize behaviors often displayed by people with behavioral health needs.



Intercept 1 Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Recommendations (1 of 2)

"Stage 1: Law Enforcement and Emergency Services is defined as the point at which the emergency response system is engaged in a behavioral health-related crisis."

Develop and expand pre-arrest and pre-booking diversion programs.

Create City > County > Regional Services communications network/or app.

Create a mechanism for family members or others to safely report individual episodes for assistance in a centralized confidential system



Intercept 1 Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Recommendations (2 of 2)

"Stage 1: Law Enforcement and Emergency Services is defined as the point at which the emergency response system is engaged in a behavioral health-related crisis."

Expand and improve the Behavioral Health Court.

Expand and allow more Community Conservatorship.

Allow Mental Health Diversion for people found incompetent to stand trial.

Develop additional support services for people when they go to Court.

Ensure the Courts know about all available wrap-around services in the County.

Include families in court notification processes and systems.

Add a Participatory Defense Model based on the Silicon Valley De-Bug Program.



Intercept 2 Initial Detention & Courts Recommendations

"Stage 2: Initial Detention and Courts is defined as an individual's initial detention in a criminal justice facility such as a city or county jail or their preliminary involvement in the Court System.."

Ensure behavioral health services within Santa Rita Jail for all who need it.

Focus on destigmatizing strategies used upon entering correctional facilities to identify who has a mental health or substance use disorder diagnosis

Expand care coordination for all people with behavioral health needs before discharge from jail.

Improve the integration of information systems between County Adult Forensic Behavioral Health and community behavioral health service providers.

Explore the use of tablets at Santa Rita Jail to expand access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment services.



Intercept 3 Jail Recommendations

Stage 3: Jail is defined as incarceration at a local correctional facility, with a focus on Santa Rita County Jail."

Increase the capacity of reentry planning programs.

Expand Safe Landing Services to operate 24/7.

Develop a stronger collaborative relationship with the faith-based community to promote and expand reentry services.

Explore ways to incentivize community treatment facilities to accept behavioral health program participants directly from jail.

Expand the implementation of Multidisciplinary Reentry Teams (MRT's).



Intercept 4 Reentry Recommendations

"Stage 4: Reentry is defined as services provided for individuals upon release from local correctional facilities (Santa Rita Jail) as they reenter back into the community after incarceration."

Provide oversight and ongoing updates on the Probation/District Attorney Pre-trial Program funded through Prop 47 which started 1/22/20.

Start Integrated Services for Mentally Ill Parolee (ISMIP) Programs in Alameda County.

Place more probation staff at Santa Rita Jail so that they can help to coordinate linkage for people with behavioral health needs to mental health and substance use disorder services after release.

Coordinate communication and services among service providers working with or contracted by the Probation Department. Change probation practices.

Promote culture change among Probation Officers.



Intercept 5 Community Supervision (Parole/Probation) Recommendations

"Stage 5: Community Supervision is defined as a term of probation or parole including the conditions of supervision and services provided by Probation or Parole Departments."



Questions & Discussion





Before the May 26 meeting:

1. Review recommendations by Intercept
2. Identify any additional strategies or those that are already in progress
3. Identify the Intercept(s) subcommittees you are most interested in working on

**Homework
Assignment**



Thank you!